



Next Meeting:

**Monday 13th May
2024, 8pm.**

Activity for May:

**ANNUAL AUCTION
NIGHT**

(see details page 4)

PLEASE NOTE: There is **No Sales Table** at the May Meeting.

Members, Partners and Visitors - please ensure you sign our attendance book on entry to the meeting hall.



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Cover Photo: Rlc. Nell Hammer
Exhibited - First Place in Class 4 at
the April Meeting by Vic Petrovski.

Meeting Photos:
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – May 2024



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The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to the promotion, development and encouragement of a general interest and understanding of all aspects of orchid culture.

Monthly Meetings -

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Flora and Merton Streets, Sutherland @ 8pm, doors open 7pm. Visitors are always welcome (please arrive by 7.45pm to check in, plant benching by 7.50pm)

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Life Members: Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson, Bob Moar,
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Bulletin | Website: David Hicks

Member Contributions – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: davehicks@outlook.com.au (prior to **28th** each month)

In this Month's Bulletin:

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For the Diary:

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SSOS Winter Show: 14th and 15th June (see flyer page 17)

St Ives Orchid Fair: 16th, 17th, 18th August (see flyer page 16)

Cymbidium Club of Australia: Seminar No.3 May 9th (flyer page 16)

April Benching



Monthly Benching Results – April 2024

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Vanda Somsri Glory Blue 'No.2' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Vanda Somsri Glory Blue 'No.2' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Bulb. frostii M. Aldridge

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. 'Unknown' M. Drury

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Onc. 'Unknown' J. Sutton

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Cym. dayanum 'Red' D. Mitsios

Monthly Benching Results – April 2024

OPEN CLASS		
CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Den. bigibbum	D. Mitsios
2nd	Den. 'unknown'	I. Ware
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Transvaal 'No 3'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Dollgoldi	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. Song of Love	V. Petrovski
4th	Paph. Doya Heart	L. Watkins
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Zyzzy	J. Robinson
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Rlc. Nell Hammer	V. Petrovski
2nd	Rlc. Nakornchaisri Red	V. Petrovski
3rd	Blc. California Girl 'Orchid Library'	V. Petrovski
4th	Blc. California Girl 'Orchid Library'	H. Myers
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Emma White	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. Golden Glow 'Queen Vicki'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Den. Snow Boy	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	C. Caudabec Candy 'Burgundy'	J. Robinson
2nd	C. Portia 'Cannizarro'	D. Mitsios
3rd	C. Naomi's Delight	J. Robinson
4th	C. TA 2	V. Petrovski

April Benching



Monthly Benching Results – April 2024 cont'd

CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	J. Ng
3rd	Onc. Aztec 'Toni'	V. Petrovski
4th	Gmk. Honey Bee	I. Ware
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	V. Somsri Glory Blue 'No 2'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Coel. Lyme Bay	D. Mitsios
3rd	Lyc. Abou Sunrise 'Holly'	J. Robinson
4th	Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'	J. Ng
5th	Ctsm. Louise Clarke 'Wonder Woman' x Dagney 'Fantastics'	L. Watkins
CLASS # 10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Ddc. macranthum	D. Mitsios
2nd	Ddc. wenzelli	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Coel. fimbriata var alba	D. Phillips
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Epi. porpax	J. Robinson
2nd	C. bowringiana	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Bulb. frostii	M. Aldridge
2nd	Bulb. longissimum	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Cym. dayanum 'Red'	D. Mitsios
4th	Paph. henryanum	H. Myers
5th	Paph. helenae	H. Myers
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Gomesa praetexta 'Mathew'	J. Robinson
2nd	Odm. grisell	D. & J. Brooks
3rd	Stellis papaquerensis	D. & J. Brooks
NOVICE CLASS		
CLASS # 17	NOVICE LAELIINAE	
1st	Slc. Napalm Sunset x Golden Wax x 'JF'	S. Tropoulos
2nd	C. 'unknown'	S. Tropoulos
CLASS # 18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Onc. 'unknown'	J. Sutton
2nd	Galeopetalum Arlene Armour 'conching'	S. Tropoulos
CLASS # 19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	C. bowringiana	M. Spring
INTERMEDIATE CLASS:		
CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. 'unknown'	M. Drury
2nd	Paph. 'unknown'	M. Drury
3rd	Paph. Trenchum Bavarian x Emerald Moon 'River'	M. Drury
CLASS # 24	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Phal. 'unknown'	M. Drury
2nd	Odtm. Rontante Sunrise	M. Drury
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	C. bowringiana	J. Chan
2nd	C. bowringiana	J. Chan
3rd	Prosthechea cochleata	M. Drury

April Benching



AUCTION

Orchid Auction

General Meeting - May 13th

Plant Limits:

There is a limit of **6 plants** each member can sell at the auction.

Entering Plants:

If you are putting plants in the auction, simply place two tags in your plant's pot, one with your name clearly written on it, and the other with the name of the plant.

All plants should be in good condition, disease and pest free, and being well established in their pots.

Plants will be checked prior to sale.

The Society reserves the right to reject any plants not suitable for sale.

Reserve Pricing:

If a plant has a reserve price, write the word "**Reserve**" and the price on the tag. We will give you a yellow stick-on spot to stick onto your plant to indicate it has a reserve price.

Bidding:

The minimum opening bid per plant shall be \$10 with a minimum increase bid of \$1.

An opening bid of less than \$10, shall be at the discretion of the Auctioneer.

Payment:

You will be paid less the 15% commission on the next meeting night.

Purchases will be **CASH ONLY**

****Society prize certificates may be used as payment in the auction.***

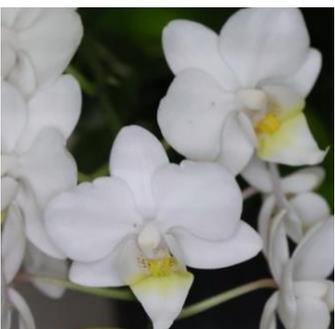
Please Note: there will be **NO SALES TABLE** at the May meeting.

Thank-you and good luck everyone, let's have a great night!

A Selection from the Lovely Paphs. Benched in April



April Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – April 2024

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON
exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Vanda Somsri Glory Blue 'No.2'

Open Judges Choice Species
exhibited by – M. Aldridge.



Bulb. frostii

Intermediate Judges Choice
exhibited by – M. Drury



Paph. 'Unknown'

Novice Judges Choice
exhibited by J. Sutton



Oncidium 'Unknown'

President's Choice
exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Cym. dayanum 'Red'

Jan, John and Mark's Excellent Adventure @ the 2024 Royal Easter Show!

courtesy – Mark Drury



Congratulations to Jan winning **SUPREME CHAMPION** in the 1st session with the exquisite - *Paph. Dollgoldi*

On the 26th to the 27th of March and the following 1st to the 2nd of April SSOS members Jan Robinson, John Ng and Mark Drury submitted orchids for display and judging at the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW - 2024 Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show.

Jan is a frequent flyer to the Easter Show display, but for John and myself it was a first and most exciting time!

Much like a Winter or Spring Show the stress of waiting for your favourite orchids to bud and flower in time for the Easter Show was the initial anticipation.

Finally, nominating to the Show Judges your category for submission (ensuring the right plant is in the right class), presenting your orchid in its best position for flower presentation adds all to the eagerness and prestige of competing within the biggest agricultural show in the Southern Hemisphere.

Think about it. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our hobby/our plants/our flowers not just to hardcore orchid enthusiasts but to the general public who rarely get the chance to view and inspect our wonderful orchids up close and personal.

The orchid information cart on site (*see photo below with Jan and Jenny*) encourages people to interact with the growers themselves, collect flyers for local orchid societies to join and seek answers to their trouble shooting questions!



Jan, John and Mark's Excellent Adventure @ the Royal Easter Show! - cont'd

courtesy – Mark Drury

The dropping off and collection procedure may seem off putting to some (time is restricted to 10:30pm the night before and after the competition) but it truly adds to the pleasure.

You receive accreditations for your car and person to enter the Show grounds prior to the public; you get escorted through the closed village, past the housed horses and cattle; crossing over the quiet woodchopping arena and park right outside the fruit and vegetable arena where we dismantle our precious cargo of potential prize-winning orchids to the allocated venue for our plants.

Whilst setting up your orchids, you get to catch up on old friends from other competing societies, meet new friends and enjoy the ambience of admiring your plant and others.

Believe me, the whole environment provided by the Easter Show definitely brings the exhilaration of competing and being a part of the display a great joy to all participants.

Some may think the situation is more trouble than worth the reward but they couldn't be more wrong. In years past very few growers entered into the competition leading to a surprising embarrassing display, but that is no longer the case.

Each display in March and April this year held approximately 60 -70+ plants for judging and more and more societies and individuals are keen to bring forth their precious orchids for the enjoyment of all.

SSOS members can be proud of our success at the Easter Show. John won numerous first placings for many of his glorious flowers and Jan was outstanding with her abundant recognition awards in placings and championship awards which culminated in her selection as **Supreme Champion** for the show with her superbly grown Paphiopedilum.

This whole experience is definitely worth giving a go, not just for the skilled and accomplished growers of our society, but for the intermediates, the novices, the new or the young at heart to experience; to learn or to simply appreciate the love of growing and displaying exotic plants few people understand.

Imagine the bragging rights you'd have telling your friends and family how you had your plants displayed at the Easter Show for public viewing, judging and recognition of your growing ability and skill.

Don't think you aren't ready, don't think you aren't good enough, every plant and flower can bring a better and better display each year. A friend once said to me, "Better a single plant or flower than an empty space."

Please give next year some serious thought!

Cheers – Jan Robinson, John Ng and Mark Drury



April Meeting Presentation

courtesy – Wal Chapman

Topic: 'Preparing your Orchids for Shows'



For those newer members who may not know, Wal is one of our society's longer term most experienced members, not only with growing and showing his own collection, but also being heavily involved in committee, OSNSW judging, and setting up of numerous Society and District orchid shows over 4+ decades.

At the April meeting Wal gave us a terrific presentation on how we should be preparing our orchids for shows. This included how we should be understanding the flowering habit of individual genera, and subsequently displaying the flowers to their best advantage to the judges.

Also, the importance of general plant presentation (pot and plant cleanliness) and being prepared for our shows by ensuring we are fully familiar with the show schedules and what the judges are looking for in each class.

Another key message from Wal's talk was to always strive to improve the quality of the plants in your collection to give yourself the best chance at a show. But more importantly, whatever we do, to enjoy our orchids, our society, and appreciate the friendships we make through our hobby.

Thank-you Wal for your presentation - providing us with the benefits of all that knowledge and experience!

The Lovely Display of Laeliinae Hybrids in Class 4 at the April Meeting



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

8th April 2024

Vice President *Mark Drury* chaired the meeting tonight, and declared the general meeting open at 8.05pm, extending a warm welcome to everyone.

A very warm welcome was also extended to our visitors tonight: *Margaret Reed, Wendy Griffiths, Grant Zeng, Wendy Brown.*

APOLOGIES: *Rhonda Jackson, Melissa Karayannis, John Hely*

NEW MEMBERS: we have three new members this evening:

- **Vickii Micet** – resides in Cronulla and new to growing orchids. Vickii will be exhibiting in the NOVICE class.
- **Michael Vitnell** – resides in Caringbah. Growing orchids approx 20 years, Australian Natives and various others. Michael to exhibit in NOVICE class.
- **John Pacewicz** – resides in Corrimal. Growing various types - vanda, coelogyne and natives for approx 39years. John will be exhibiting in the OPEN class.

Mark wished our new members both a very enjoyable and rewarding membership with us.

We also advised that since last meeting we have received an application from *Lorraine Donne*, who is an active member of our Facebook group, so thank-you Lorraine and welcome.

TALK FOR APRIL: After the break this evening, we are very much looking forward to Wal Chapman's presentation on 'Preparing your Orchids for Shows'.

MINUTES:

Members were asked for someone to motion that the March Minutes as distributed in the April Bulletin, were accurate. Robert Nicol motioned they were correct, Seconded Frank Daniel. Carried.

Correspondence In:

- Various March Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, plus the March Orchid News from the OSNSW. Also, April newsletters from Orchid Species (NSW), Caringbah Garden Club, and Neutrog
- Confirmation email from Lesley Bromley regarding our application for our winter and spring show Judges.
- Invitation to SSOS members from the CGC regarding Tony from Cut Above Tools speaking and demonstrating their range of garden tools at their Meeting on April 17th
- Confirmation from Dan Coulton speaking on 'orchids for smaller spaces' at our June meeting

Correspondence Out:

- Copy of our SSOS April 2024 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC.
- A12 T2 Form and payment to Dept. of Fair-Trading regarding submission of our Annual Accounts for 2023.

GENERAL BUSINESS: VALE: David Butler 1938 - 2024

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of David Butler.

He was a long – term and life member of both ANOS Central Coast and ANOS Sydney Group.

David has written numerous publications and gained many awards,

He was a well-respected pioneer with Native orchids and hybridizing.

He was well known over the years to Col Brandon and past members Nev Roper and Kevin Wilson, and many other SSOS members past and present, being especially involved with the early development of *Sarcochilus* and other native orchid hybrids.

With David's passing, we farewell an icon of the orchid world.

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

8th April 2024

SOCIETY PRIZE CERTIFICATES:

This was mentioned in the last bulletin, but we thought we would just remind everyone that the value of your **Prize Certificates** can be redeemed for:

- products or plants from the Orchid Place nursery at Heathcote
- for plants at our sales table at monthly meetings, auction or shows
- a \$20 Bunnings voucher from the treasurer, when you have \$20 worth of certificates

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

NEXT SSOS GROWERS GROUP:

Vice President advised that we will be holding the next session on Saturday 27th April, at the home of David Hicks, commencing at 1pm.

The address is - 548 The Boulevard Sutherland

These sessions are designed to encourage our Novices and new growers to attend, and to please bring along any of your problem plants for advice.

We will also be discussing and dividing a lovely specimen species - Cuitlauzina Pulchella courtesy Mark Drury
Tea and coffee will be provided for the social part of the afternoon if you wish to contribute some goodies on a plate would be appreciated.

EASTER SHOW: Mark gave us a brief overview of the show, congratulating the exhibitors and winners from SSOS. (Jan Robinson, John Ng, Mark Drury) and thanking our OSNSW promo. cart Volunteers - Jan and Jenny.

AUCTION NIGHT:

Next month is our Annual Auction night. - members were advised of the following:

- Place two tags in your plant's pot, one with your name on it and the other with the name of the plant.
- If a plant has a reserve price, write the word "Reserve" and the price on the tag. We will give you a yellow stick-on spot to stick onto your plant to indicate it has a reserve price.
- There is a limit of **6 plants** per member
- The minimum opening bid per plant will be \$10.
- Plants need to be well established in their pots and not recently re-potted.
- You will be paid less the 15% commission on the next meeting night.
- Society prize vouchers can be used as payment in the auction.
- Purchases will be CASH ONLY - so bring plenty!
- **Please Note: There will be no sales table at the July meeting.**
- Details will be included in the May Bulletin

WINTER SHOW 2024:

The Winter Show will be held on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June at our Woollooware Shores Retirement Village venue, at Taren Point. Set-up will be from 2pm - 5pm on Thursday 13th.

Mark mentioned the possibility that refurbishment works to the village café around that time, may have an impact on the glasshouse area where we normally conduct our sales bench / repotting service and we were in discussions with WWS.

We can now advise that WWS management have offered us an alternative area which will work for us in the event that the renovations are still ongoing at the time.

Next meeting, we will be able to discuss the show in more detail

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

8th April 2024

BUNNINGS:

As part of their Garden Corner for April, we held our repotting demo at the Kirrawee Store last Wednesday at 11am.

Attending were 7 very enthusiastic people who asked many questions and took Society and winter show flyers.

Our thanks to *Frank Daniel, Mark Drury, Margaret Spring, David Hicks and Diane Phillips* who represented the Society, offering repotting and growing advice, and information about our monthly meetings and upcoming shows.

Our next session with Bunnings Kirrawee will be participating with a promotional stand at their Mother's Day evening event on 9th May from 6pm to 8pm

CYMBIDIUM CLUB of AUSTRALIA

Last month we mentioned that The Cymbidium Club of Australia is arranging a series of workshops this year to teach how to *Grow Your Cymbidiums better!*

The next session is the 2nd presentation in the series, and is courtesy *George Serhan* on: 'Getting your Cymbidiums to Flower'

The date is this coming Thursday April 11th @ 8pm, and the venue is the Allan G Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport St, Pemulwuy.

Admission is free and visitors welcome!

The night includes a great plant raffle!

MEETING RAFFLE PLANTS: David give a brief description of tonight's raffle plants including a mention that we will be substituting a plant occasionally for an Osmocote 'Orchid' fertilizer or similar.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

13th May – Annual Auction Night – we have covered this tonight and full details will also be included in the May Bulletin.

10th June – We have Daniel Coulton speaking on 'Growing Orchids in Small Spaces'

8th July – We have Peter D'Olier speaking on 'Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands'

Whilst the Judging was being finalised, David asked Vic Petrovski to give us an insight as to how he grows his bigibbum type dendrobiums, as he had a number of terrific plants on the bench tonight. Thank-you Vic.

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY – The meeting was handed over to Wal Chapman who presented his talk tonight on 'Preparing Your Orchids for Shows'

Wal, who has a wealth of experience with this, covered many subjects including cleanliness of pots and plants, staking to advantage, understanding the classes and what's required for each genera, entering additional plants to make a show, and to enjoy our hobby, our Society and our fellow orchid enthusiasts.

On completion, Mark extended a thank-you to Wal from our members, followed by our presentation gift in appreciation, to a hearty round of applause.

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

8th April 2024

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners for April: *P. Sheaffe x 2, D. Phillips, D. Mitsios, D. Hannah, M. Randle.*

Winner April Name Badge Draw: *D. Hicks (prize pick from the Raffle plants)*

Vice President thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson.

Trainee – John Ng and Joy Gouvoussis from OSNSW.

April Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: *Vanda Samsri Glory Blue 'No2' – D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: *Vanda Samsri Glory Blue 'No2' – D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Bulb. frostii – M. Aldridge*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: *Paph. 'Unknown' – M. Drury*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: *Onc. 'Unknown' – J. Sutton*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: *Cym. dayanum 'Red' – D. Mitsios*

CLOSING:

Vice President asked for a volunteer to sweep the floor tonight?

Our thanks tonight to *Richie Dimon.*

Thank-you everyone for your attendance tonight, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting which is our Auction Night, on the 13th May.

Finally, would everyone please assist by putting the chairs and tables away, and if you see a table is dirty, would you please wipe it?

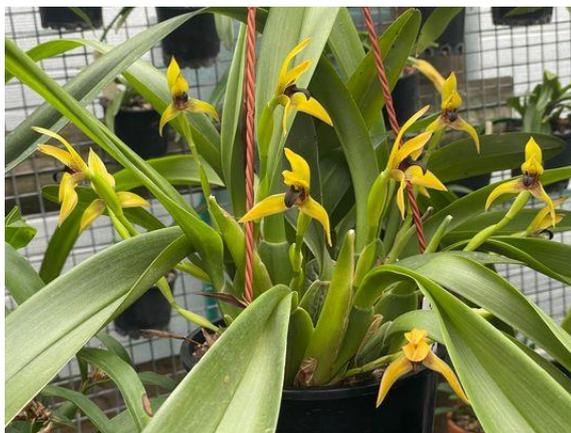
Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

A Great Selection @ Home for May

courtesy – Melissa Karayannis



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry



Max. cucullata.



Bulb. Meen Rainbow Rider

Report on our recent Grower's Group

Sat. 27th April 2024

(Photos courtesy Paul Sheaffe)



Mark's donated plant of the lovely species *Cuitlauzina pulchella* about to be divided and potted up.

The recent Grower's Group on Saturday 27th April was held at the home of David and Ursula Hicks, with 14 enthusiastic members attending.

A good mixture of newer members and those with more experience, came along to share their knowledge.

The main event of the afternoon was to successfully try to divide and pot up a number of divisions of a large specimen of the species *Cuitlauzina pulchella*, kindly donated by Mark Drury. The repotted divisions were given out to attendees.

We also had a number of huge nigroviolacea *Stanhopeas* kindly donated by John Hely. These were given away to our Novices, and were truly amazingly grown plants.

We look forward to hearing and seeing photos of how they flower!

Some members brought along their troublesome plants for advice or repotting. Hopefully they will be growing and flowering a lot better from now on!

The weather was again kind to us, and everyone enjoyed an informative afternoon concluded with a very enjoyable chat over a cuppa and nibbles.

Thank-you Mark and John for the donation of your plants on the day, and to everyone who attended and contributed their knowledge and experience.

On behalf of those present, Rhonda thanked David and Ursula for hosting the afternoon.

We look forward to holding a further session later in the year as we move into the warmer months.



Ready for division



Going under the chop



Potted up & looking good

Bunnings Repotting Day

Wednesday 3rd April



As part of their Garden Corner for April, we held our repotting demo at the Bunnings Kirrawee Store on Wednesday 3rd April at 11am.

Attending were 7 very enthusiastic people who asked many questions and took Society and winter show flyers.

Our thanks to *Frank Daniel, Mark Drury, Margaret Spring, David Hicks and Diane Phillips* who represented the Society, offering repotting and growing advice, and information about our monthly meetings and upcoming shows.

Local Orchid Spotting

courtesy – D. Hicks



This tree is on the council footpath in Sutherland and probably well known to some members.

Th orchids are obviously not growing here naturally, but locals or a group have attached a number of Oncidiums, soft cane and Native Dendrobiums, plus a few other genera, even a few zygocactus.

They all appear to be doing extremely well with quite extensive root systems on some.

Not quite sure what type of tree the host is, but the orchids certainly seem to enjoy being on it!!

More from the Benching at the April Meeting



Another Lovely Selection of Member's @ Home Photos for May

M. Karayannis



M. Karayannis



M. Karayannis



D. Hicks



R. Nicol



R. Nicol



R. Nicol



R. Nicol



R. Nicol



R. Nicol



G. Hodder



G. Hodder



G. Hodder



G. Hodder



G. Hodder



D. Hicks



April Benching





Orchids Out West

Orchid Displays and Sales
17th - 19th May 2024

9am-4pm Friday and Saturday
 9am-2pm Sunday

Philip Charley Pavilion
 Hawkesbury Showground
 Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon
 (Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)




Vendors

- Tinonee Orchids
- Kiwi Orchid Bark
- Dark Star Orchids
- Orchid Species Plus
- Fong Ping Orchids
- Rain Orchids
- Orchid Monso
- Rosella Orchids
- Kingfisher Nursery

- Orchids on Newbold
- Sim's Orchids
- The Orchid Place
- Johanson's Orchids
- Nicky's Slippers
- Ten Shin Gardens
- Orchids of Distinction
- Aussie Hoses

Adults: \$10.00 | Buses: \$8.00
 Children under 15 yrs free

- Plenty of free parking
- Close to Clarendon Railway Station
- Free growing advice
- Sausage sizzle and light refreshments

Further information:
 Phone: 0408 264 040
<https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/orchids-out-west-2024/>

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'




ST IVES SHOWGROUND
 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 16th August 2024 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 17th August 2024 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 18th August 2024 9 am to 3 pm

Bus Routes 196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives Village - Terrey Hills - Mona Vale
ADMISSION \$8 Children under 18 free

Bus groups welcome - concession,
 Unlimited Free Parking, Wheel chair access

Orchid displays, and advice from experts

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 Fong Ping Orchids, Hills District Orchids, Kings Orchard Nursery,
 Macquarie Native Orchids, Nicky's Slippers, Orchid Care Services,
 Orchid Species Plus, Orchids of Distinction, Orchids on Newbold,
 Robertson Orchids, Rosella Orchids, Tinonee Orchids,
 The Orchid Mart / Serhan's Orchids, Woolf Orchidculture

For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>



We are thinking of you and send our best wishes to all our members who
 are currently recovering from recent health issues





2024 AOF Essay Prize

The AOF Essay Prize is an annual writing competition, established with a generous endowment by the Slade family.

There will be three prizes:

1st	Prize	\$350.00
2nd	Prize	\$250.00
3rd	Prize	\$150.00

The Foundation invites all Australian orchid enthusiasts to consider the topic for 2024 and submit an entry. We would like to hear about your ideas and experiences and benefit from them.

ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2024

Tell us about your most exciting orchid moment

Be it buying a much sought after plant to add to your collection, getting a plant to bloom after many unsuccessful years of growing it, finding a yet to be described species while trekking the wilds of Borneo - tell us all about your most exciting orchid moment. Everyone has one!

The deadline for receipt of all entries is 31st July 2024

Send your electronic entry to:
 aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au
 or post to:
 AOF Essay Prize P.O. Box 440, Yarra Glen VIC 3775
 Please include your name, address and telephone contact.

The Cymbidium Club of Australia presents the third in a series of presentations to teach you how to

Grow Your Cymbidiums Better!

Presentation 3. Preparing Your Cymbidiums for Shows - by Geoff Le Marne. Including What are the Judges looking for? - by David Brooks

May 9th 8p.m.
 Allan G Ezzu Community Centre , 1 Newport St
 Penmullwuy 2145

Visitors welcome! It's Free!

Learn how to present your cymbidiums to perfection so they win shows and get awards - including special tips and tricks ... everything you need to know to compete with the best! Do you want to know how they do it? Come along and find out!



*Our appreciation to
Woollooware Shores Taren Point
for providing the venue for our
Shows in 2024*

April Benching



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

WINTER *Orchid Show*

Woollooware Shores Retirement Village
2-28 Alexander Ave, Taren Point

Friday 14th June 2024 10am to 4pm

Saturday 15th June 2024 9am to 2pm

(set-up & member's plant booking in)

Thursday 13th June 2024 2pm - 5pm

*Orchid Display | Sales | Re-Potting Sessions
Orchid Raffle*

Saturday: Raffle Draw - 2.00pm | Prize Presentations - 2.30pm

CASH SALES ONLY

Free Entry – all welcome

Show Enquiries: Frank Daniel 0417 406 374

Show Marshal: Jan Robinson 0412 566 722



Local Orchid Spotting

Have you recently spotted one of our beautiful and unique Aust. native orchids in your local area?

Like to share the photo with other members? Please forward to the email address below to have it published in our Bulletin.

Many thanks - Editor

Please forward to: davehicks@outlook.com.au

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

The Society has a Code of Conduct which members must comply with:

“Members and visitors shall treat each other in a respectful, friendly and cordial manner at our meetings and Society activities.”



Upcoming Events for 2024

Thursday 9th May 2024 – Bunnings Kirrawee Mother's Day Event:
6pm – 8pm - Society Information and Show Promotional Table.

Monday 13th May 2024 – SSOS General Meeting + Auction Night
(for details see page 4)

Fri, Sat, Sun, 17th, 18th, and 19th May 2024 – Orchids Out West Fair
Hawkesbury Showground (see details in flyer page 16)

Monday 10th June 2024 – SSOS General Meeting – Speaker Daniel
Coulton on 'Growing Orchids in Small Spaces'

Friday 14th, Saturday 15th June 2024 – SSOS Winter Show,
Woolooware Shores Ret. Village, Taren Point (see flyer page 17)

Monday 8th July 2024 – SSOS General Meeting – Speaker Peter D'Olier
on 'Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands'

Monday 12th August 2024 – SSOS General Meeting – Speaker to be
advised.

Friday 16th August – Sunday 18th August 2024 – St Ives Orchid Fair
(see details in flyer page 16)



Our thanks to Bunnings
Caringbah and Kirrawee for
providing sponsorship towards
our shows for 2024



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus biscuits are available
during the break at the back of the hall.

***As disposable cups are no longer provided, please remember to
*bring along your own mug!***

Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your
Photos @ Home or Articles to include in our monthly Bulletins.

To contribute, please email to the Editor:

David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au

(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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